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Committee on the Judiciary

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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee  
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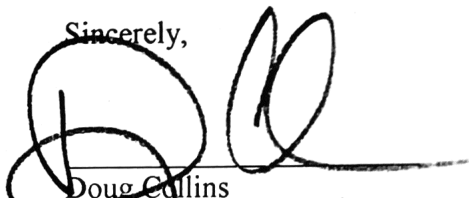
Dear Chairman Nadler:

Pursuant to Clause 2(j)(1) of Rule XI, we hereby provide you with timely demand for minority day of hearings. Clause 2(j)(1) provides: "Whenever a hearing is conducted by a committee on a measure or matter, the minority members of the committee shall be entitled to, upon request to the chairman of a majority of them before the completion of the hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least on day of hearing thereon."<sup>1</sup>

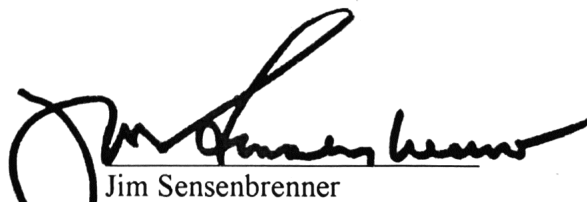
We also remind you that while scheduling is at the discretion of the Chairman, "a rule of reason must apply" and that "a point of order may lie against a reported measure in which the minority's demand for a hearing was improperly rejected."<sup>2</sup> In fact, while the Chairman of the committee schedules the minority hearing, "his responsibility to invite the minority's witnesses is ministerial. A Chairman can not refuse to invite a witness because he believes the witnesses' testimony would be impertinent."<sup>3</sup>

As required by the Rules, this letter is being provided before the completion of the hearing and is signed by a majority – in fact, all – of the Republican members of the Committee. A list of witnesses will be provided to you once the hearing is scheduled.

Sincerely,



Doug Collins  
Ranking Member



Jim Sensenbrenner



Steve Chabot

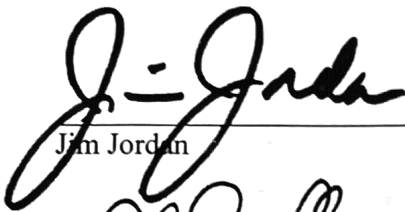


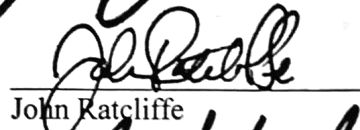
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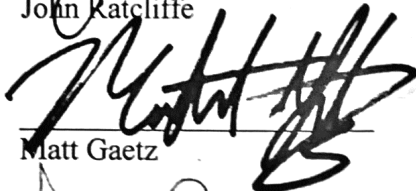
<sup>1</sup> Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule XI, Clause 2(j)(1).

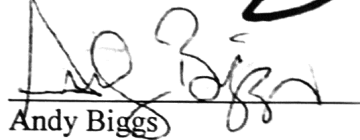
<sup>2</sup> Memorandum from The Honorable David Dreier, Chairman, H. Comm. on Rules, 106<sup>th</sup> Cong. to Comm. Chairmen at 2. (June 8, 1999).

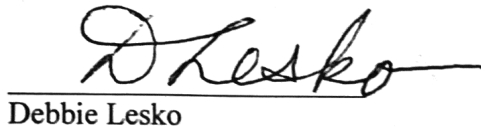
<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 1.

  
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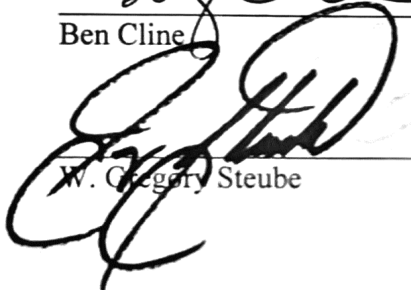
  
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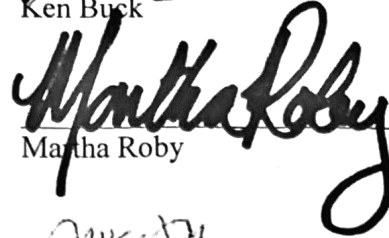
  
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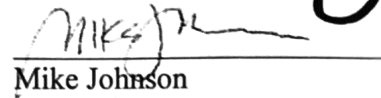
  
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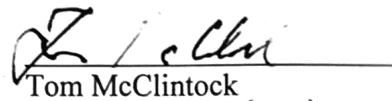
  
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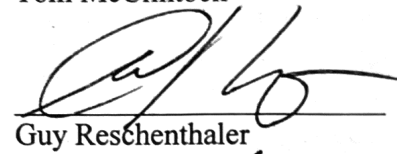
  
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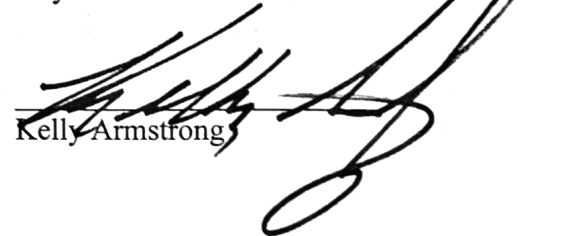
  
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